

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, and 31-47 are pending in the application after this amendment. The addition or cancellation of claims is not to be considered in any way an indication of applicant's position on the merits of the added and/or cancelled claims.

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and references of which applicant was recently made aware. Applicant respectfully requests that the references set forth on the IDS be considered and acknowledged. Applicant specifically does not admit that the IDS references are prior art.

Finally, applicant has noted that in the PAIR system there are five (5) entries for March 22, 2004 that are labeled as "APPENDIX TO THE SPECIFICATION." These appendices were submitted as appendices to the Petition to Make Special, not as appendices to the specification.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2115 for any additional fees that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Oster", is written over a horizontal line.

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